

HOUSE BILL 190

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CF SB 322

By: **Delegate Malone**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles – Use of Video and Electronic Display Equipment**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~altering the types of video display equipment that are prohibited~~
4 ~~from being located in certain areas of a motor vehicle; altering the standards for~~
5 ~~the location of video display equipment in a motor vehicle; altering certain~~
6 ~~exceptions to the prohibition against the use of video display equipment in~~
7 ~~certain locations in a motor vehicle~~ prohibiting a person from driving a motor
8 vehicle on a highway if the motor vehicle is equipped with certain video display
9 equipment that is turned on under certain circumstances; altering the
10 exceptions to the prohibition against locating certain electronic display
11 equipment in certain areas of a motor vehicle; providing that a motor vehicle
12 may be equipped with certain video display equipment only if the equipment is
13 turned off under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act;
14 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the use of video and electronic
15 display equipment in a motor vehicle.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article – Transportation

18 Section 22–414

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

22 Article – Transportation

23 Section 21–1128 and 22–414.1

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
4 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

5 **Article – Transportation**

6 ~~22-414.~~

7 (a) ~~[A] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A motor vehicle~~
8 ~~driven on a highway in this State may not be equipped with [television type~~
9 ~~receiving] VIDEO DISPLAY equipment [in front of the back of the driver's seat or~~
10 ~~otherwise] THAT IS visible to the driver WHILE DRIVING.~~

11 (b) ~~This section does not prevent:~~

12 (1) ~~The use of [television type receiving] VIDEO DISPLAY equipment~~
13 ~~in a vehicle exclusively for PUBLIC safety or law enforcement purposes, as approved~~
14 ~~by the Department of State Police;~~

15 (2) ~~The use in a vehicle of equipment used exclusively for~~
16 ~~alphanumeric data and text transmission and reception; or~~

17 (3) ~~The use in a vehicle of [electronic] VIDEO display equipment [used~~
18 ~~in conjunction with a vehicle navigation system] THAT IS DESIGNED, INSTALLED,~~
19 ~~AND USED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF THE VEHICLE~~
20 ~~MANUFACTURER.~~

21 21-1128.

22 A PERSON MAY NOT DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A HIGHWAY IF THE
23 MOTOR VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH TELEVISION-TYPE RECEIVING EQUIPMENT
24 OR VIDEO DISPLAY EQUIPMENT, AS DEFINED UNDER § 22-414.1 OF THIS
25 ARTICLE, THAT IS TURNED ON AND DISPLAYING AN IMAGE VISIBLE TO THE
26 DRIVER.

27 22-414.

28 (a) A motor vehicle driven on a highway in this State may not be equipped
29 with television-type receiving equipment in front of the back of the driver's seat or
30 otherwise visible to the driver.

31 (b) This section does not prevent:

1 (1) The use of television-type receiving equipment in a vehicle
2 exclusively for safety or law enforcement purposes, as approved by the Department of
3 State Police;

4 (2) The use in a vehicle of equipment used exclusively for
5 alphanumeric data and text transmission and reception; or

6 (3) The use in a vehicle of electronic display equipment [used in
7 conjunction with a];

8 **(I) USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH:**

9 **1. A vehicle navigation system; OR**

10 **2. BROADCAST AND SATELLITE RADIO SYSTEM**
11 **GRAPHICS; OR**

12 **(II) DISPLAYING INFORMATION OR IMAGES RELATED TO**
13 **THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.**

14 **22-414.1.**

15 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "VIDEO DISPLAY EQUIPMENT" MEANS EQUIPMENT**
16 **CAPABLE OF DISPLAYING A DYNAMIC VISUAL IMAGE, OTHER THAN TEXT, FROM**
17 **A DIGITAL VIDEO DISC OR OTHER STORAGE DEVICE.**

18 **(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A**
19 **MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVEN ON A HIGHWAY IN THE STATE MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH**
20 **VIDEO DISPLAY EQUIPMENT ONLY IF THE VIDEO DISPLAY EQUIPMENT IS**
21 **TURNED OFF WHEN THE SCREEN ON THE VIDEO DISPLAY EQUIPMENT IS VISIBLE**
22 **TO THE DRIVER.**

23 **(C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO EQUIPMENT ON A VEHICLE USED**
24 **BY A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2010.